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|  *Month 2 - Application Guide Joshua’s Men*  **The Prayer Life of a Leader** ***DR. DAN REILAND*** When you come face to face with God in prayer, you will be changed. **I. Aaron reacted to the pressure of the people.** 1. *When the people saw that* ***Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses*** *who brought us up out of Egypt,* ***we don’t know what has happened to him****.”*
2. *Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.” -****Exodus 32:1-4***

 *The soil in which the prayer of faith takes root is a life of unbroken communion with God, a life in which the windows of the soul are always open towards the City of Rest.* ***David Martin M’ Intyre*** *The ones who have most fully illustrated Christ in their character, and have most powerfully affected the world for Him, have been those who spend so much time with God as to make it a notable feature in their lives.* ***E.M. Bounds*** The prayer-less leader is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the flesh. **A.** The prayer-less leader lets the people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him/her. ***1*** *When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain,* ***they gathered around Aaron*** *and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”* ***– Exodus 32:1*****B.** The prayer-less leader \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the people. ***22*** *“Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. "****You know how prone these people are to evil.******23*** *They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.’ -****Ex 32:22-23***  |
|  *Month 2 - Application Guide Joshua’s Men*  **C.** The prayer-less leader won’t take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**  ***24*** *“So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and* ***out came this calf!****” -* ***Ex 32:24*** **DISCUSSION:** What happens in your life when you are “low on prayer?” *There is no power like that of prevailing prayer… It turns ordinary mortals into men and women of power. It brings power. It brings fire. It brings rain. It brings life. It brings God.* **Samuel Chadwick**  **II. Moses responded to the problem with the people**  1. Moses responded with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ identified the problem — the people had corrupted themselves.

*7 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. 8 They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’ ” “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses “and they are a stiff-necked people.”* -**Ex 32:7-9** God gave Moses the opportunity to respond, when he said: *10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." -****Ex 32:10***Prayer… God wants us to engage. 1. Moses returned to the people after interceding for them and took God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (anger).
	1. *When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned, and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. -* ***Ex 32:19***
2. Moses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Aaron.
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|  *Month 2 - Application Guide Joshua’s Men*  *the mountain.* ***20*** *And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.* ***21*** *He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that* ***you led them*** *into such great sin?” -****Ex 32:19-21***Moses — Courage, conviction, confidence came from God. *“* ***You*** *led* them into such great sin!” **F.** Moses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his heart with the heart of God. ***32*** *“But now,* ***please forgive their sin*** *– but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”* ***33*** *The LORD replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book.* ***34*** *Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.”* ***35*** *And the LORD struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made. -* ***Ex 32:32-35*** **III. Insights and Principles on Prayer**  1. Prayer is a dialogue based upon our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

***12*** *Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’****13*** *If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”* ***14*** *The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” -****Ex 33:12-14*** What do your prayers reveal about what you know and believe about God? (You pray as big as your God is.) 1. Prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over time.

 1. A person of prayer doesn’t always accept the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ answer.

***10*** *Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." -****Ex 32:10***1. Prayer tests our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*God is too good to be unkind,* *He is too wise to be confused,* *If I cannot trace his hand, I can always trust his heart.* ***D. H. Spurgeon*** What will you ask (believe) God for? Specifically, what are you asking?  |
|  *Month 2 - Application Guide Joshua’s Men*  **E.** Prayer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the person who prays. *29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. -* ***Ex 34:29*** You cannot come face-to-face with God and not be changed. *Leaders lead in prayer long before they lead in public.*  |
|  *Month 2 - Application Guide Joshua’s Men*  **Celebration of Discipline *RICHARD FOSTER*** INTRODUCTION **Chapter 1 – The Spiritual Disciplines: Door to Liberation** 1. How did Jesus demonstrate spiritual discipline? *(Explain beyond “He prayed*…*” – include attitude, lifestyle, priorities, did He always follow conventional religion? etc.)*

1. What is the purpose of spiritual discipline?

  1. What happens when you lose sight of the real purpose of spiritual disciplines, or they are taken to extremes?

  1. How would you rate yourself in overall consistency of spiritual disciplines?

  **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**  **Can’t Find God Often Asks**   **My Bible My Opinion**  PART I: THE INWARD DISCIPLINES **Chapter 2 – The Discipline of Meditation** 1. Why is it important to “slow down?”

    1. Is it difficult for you to “slow down?” Explain.

*(For the purpose of meditation)*  |
|  *Month 2 - Application Guide Joshua’s Men*  **Chapter 3 – The Discipline of Prayer** **1.** If God is omniscient and omnipotent, why do we pray? What is the purpose of prayer? 1. What do you find are your *primary* motivations to pray?

*(List no more than 3)* 1. What role or significance does listening take in the process of prayer?

    1. Rate the consistency and vibrancy your prayer life:

  **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8**   **Easter & Holes in the**   **Christmas knees of my pants** What could you do to strengthen your prayer life? **Chapter 4 – The Discipline of Fasting** 1. What is the primary purpose of fasting?

    1. What will always be revealed when you fast?

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|  *Month 2 - Application Guide Joshua’s Men*  **3.** What did you learn the last time you fasted?     **Chapter 5 – The Discipline of Study** 1. Study requires more humility and discipline than intellect. Briefly describe why in your own words.

     1. As a leader you must continually invest in yourself (personal growth) to be effective. Rate (and describe) your habit of this kind of investment.

    PART II: THE OUTWARD DISCIPLINES **Chapter 6 – The Discipline of Simplicity** 1. Describe how simplicity and freedom are so closely connected.

     1. Would you describe your life as more “simple” or more “hectic?” Why?

      1. What one or two things could you do to simplify your life?

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|  *Month 2 - Application Guide*  **Chapter 7 – The Discipline of Solitude** 1. What is the difference between loneliness and solitude?

   1. Do you ever feel “too busy” to seek solitude?

If yes, how can you “take charge” enough to practice solitude?      **Chapter 8 – The Discipline of Submission** 1. How do we “value” other people through our submission?

     1. Do you at times prefer control rather than submission? Explain.

     **Chapter 9 – The Discipline of Service** 1. What is the difference in choosing to serve and choosing to be a servant?

     1. What are the primary reasons you serve?

     1. What local church ministry are you serving in?
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|  *Month 2 - Application Guide Joshua’s Men*  PART III: THE CORPORATE DISCIPLINES **Chapter 10 – The Discipline of Confession** 1. How is confession both a grace and a discipline?

    1. Do you find it easy or difficult to admit when you are wrong?

    1. What is the value of written confession? (Try it this month)

     **Chapter 11 – The Discipline of Worship** 1. What is your personal definition of worship? Why do you worship?

      1. Where, when, how do you experience your “best” worship?

       **Chapter 12 – The Discipline of Guidance** **1.** How do you see **Joshua’s Men** fitting in to the discipline of guidance?       |
|  *Month 2 - Application Guide Joshua’s Men*  **Chapter 13 – The Discipline of Celebration** 1. What produces genuine joy for you? (deep abiding and sustained fulfillment)

     1. When you experience the “blues” how do you regain your joy?

     1. As a leader, would you say your joy “rubs off” on others? (Is your joy contagious?)

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|  *Month 2 - Application Guide Joshua’s Men*  **“Master, Mate and Mission” – You and Your Master**  Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Score 1-7 1 = Weak 7 = Strong **Answer honestly.** This is not intended to produce a sense of guilt, frustration, or legalism. You are loved unconditionally by God and saved by grace. This is intended only as a tool to aid you in reflection to strengthen your most important relationship. 1. I base my security and significance in Christ Jesus. \_\_\_\_
2. I often hear the “voice” of God giving me clear answers and direction. \_\_\_\_
3. There is no unconfessed sin in my life. \_\_\_\_
4. I do not struggle with pride or control issues. \_\_\_\_
5. I invest daily time in intercessory prayer and prayer concerning my personal

 spiritual life. \_\_\_\_ 1. I invest daily time in the study of scripture for personal growth. \_\_\_\_
2. There is no unresolved conflict with a brother or sister in Christ, so far as

 forgiveness on my part is concerned. \_\_\_\_ 1. I do not struggle with materialism but have found the joy of contentment. \_\_\_\_
2. My thought life is pure and under God’s control. \_\_\_\_
3. I have a sense of inner peace and presence of God’s spirit. \_\_\_\_
4. Both personal and corporate worship are alive in my life, and I experience a sense

 of renewal and refreshing as I praise God. \_\_\_\_ 1. I regularly practice the “deeper” disciplines such as fasting, meditation,

 and solitude. \_\_\_\_   |
|  *Month 2 - Application Guide Joshua’s Men*  **“Master, Mate and Mission” – You and Your Master**  After thought and prayer through the twelve items listed in the “You and Your Master” Personal Reflection, select the three priorities you believe God would lead you to strengthen. **Priority #1:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Action Plan:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Priority #2:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Action Plan:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Priority #1:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Action Plan:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |